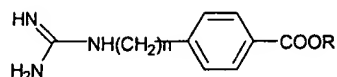


EXHIBIT A. VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 15 as follows:

1. (Amended) A compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, having the following formula I:

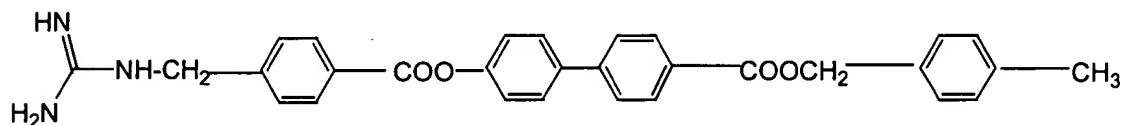


wherein n is [an integer from 0-1] 0 or 1, and R is [elected] selected from the group consisting of [hydrogen,] C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₁₀ aryl and



and wherein when n is 0, R is not C₁₋₁₀ aryl.

2. (Amended) The compound of claim 1, which has the following formula II:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

15. (Amended) The method of claim 5, which further comprises a step of [diagnosing or pragnosing] diagnosis or prognosis of *H. pylori* infection in the subject.